

PUGET SOUND PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTORS SOCIETY

WHAT: REGULAR MEETING OF PSPCS

WHERE: DES MOINES MASONIC TEMPLE, 2208 S. 223RD ST (TAKE MIDWAY EXIT OFF I-5, GO TO FIRST STOP LIGHT WEST OF PACIFIC AVE SOUTH, TURN RIGHT UNTIL 223RD, THEN TURN WEST (LEFT). THE TEMPLE IS JUST WEST OF THE FIRE STATION)

WHEN: THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST). NEXT MEETING IS 11/20/14, 7 - 9 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM)

WHY: TO SHARE AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF OTHER WHO ARE INTERESTED IN COLLECTING EVERYTHING PHOTOGRAPHIC

MEETING AGENDA: A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING, SHOW AND TELL; EARN THAT CAMERA; PROGRAM; AUCTION (ONE ITEM LOT PER MEMBER) AND THE DOOR PRIZE.

Mark your Calendar for our 35th PSPCS Show

Special points of interest:

- *Mark your calendar*
- *35th PSPCS Show Committee Meeting*



Logo from our Show Banner



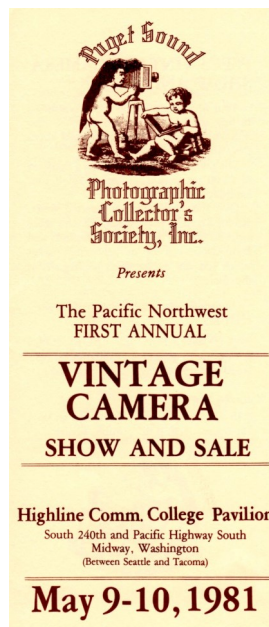
Next April 11, 2015 will be our 35th PSPCS Show and Sale. It will be at Kent Commons in the City of Kent Washington. We had our first show in 1981 at Highline Community College. In 1982 the show moved to Kent Commons. It was held there until 1996 when we grew to big for the Commons. We for the next 14 years we used the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup. In 2011 we returned to Kent Commons.

The reasons in returning were many. Ebay had eroded our sales and customer base. The facility space became to expensive. Kent Common brought back the intimate setting of our older shows and they had improved the parking issue we had in the 90's.

We had a steady decline of attendees until last year when we added more in paid advertising. Increasing the budget for advertising by 50% more over 2013. We increased our attendees by 100 persons. This was are first increase in 13 years. We also ran more ads on Craigslist and on many of the Photographic site around the internet.

We still need to advertise to bring in the younger crowd. We will provide FREE entry to all Students with student identification again this year. An invite will go out to all the local schools to inform them of the show and free attendance to their art and photographic students.

Everyone can do their part by contacting their photo contacts and promote our show. If you are a member of other organizations ask them if they would put our Show on their event calendar.



Brochure from our 1st Show

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35th Annual PSPCS Show Committee Members

Our 35th PSPCS Show committee meeting will start at 6 pm before the November general meeting. The show will be Saturday April 11, 2015 at Kent Commons.

PSPCS Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct. 16, 2014

The Meeting was called to order by Mike Immel at 6:50pm. There were 14 members in attendance. Eventually 22 members or guests showed up.

Old Business:

There is the Tonchi show in Vancouver on Sunday Nov. 2, 2014.

Youth in Focus will come and give a presentation soon. Hopefully in November.

Former Club President Darrell Womack has a broken ankle.

New Business:

A sign-up sheet for the 2015 show committee was passed around.

Christmas Dinner for the December meeting was discussed. Gary Sivertsen made a motion and Mike Langley seconded that Gary and Don Friend would go to Costco or Safeway and get food for the December meeting. The budget for the dinner was set as no more than \$500.00.

The meet-up site cost money every 6 months. Is it worth doing? A lengthy discussion ensued. Approximately 15-20 people have visited the site but none have come to our meetings. Mike will send out an email questionnaire to determine the level of interest these people have. *(Follow up: no response on my (M. Immel) email to the members of the Meetup so it will shut down the end of November 2014)*

Show and Tell: 5 members brought or told stories about 10 items. One member brought a very nice Contarex outfit and talked about it. Bob Peters gave an update on his article he is writing about Ries Tripods.

Program: Stu Curry was given a camera to research and talk about at our November meeting.

Auction: 3 items were available for auction. 2 sold for a total of \$11.

Door Prize: Mike Comstock won the door prize

Bio of your President

Michael (Mike) Immel

I've been a member of PSPCS since the mid-90's. I was a attendee to our Shows for many years before becoming a member. Bought some of my darkroom equipment from Gary Sivertsen and Mike Langley at past shows. Bought one of my Canon F1's at one of our members garage sales in North Seattle. Selected to be President when Darrel Womack stepped down a few years ago.

Cut my "teeth" in photography at the tender age of 11 (1962). My Mom needed someone to shoot some pictures for a Girl Scout Day Camp that summer and I got elected (since in those days kid did not stay home alone, I was on my way to the camp with my sister and Mom). I received my first lesson on a 4x5 Speed Graphic that belong to Dad. The lesson was in the car on the way to the day camp. Some very interesting picture came out of that assignment.. I have since been self taught, Dad taught, school and collage taught and my old friend -- "the school of hard knocks".

That was over 52 years ago now and I have had many cameras since then ... Canon, Nikon, Yashica, Fujica, Bronica, Kodak, Speed Graphics, Tachihara. Used many formats 35mm, 2 1/4 x 2 1/4, 4x5, 8x10 and now into the Digital age. I have had my own darkroom and developed my black and white film and prints.

My interests in collecting started about 20 years ago and leaned to the Graphics line of cameras, since my first camera was my father's 4x5 Speed Graphics. I still have that camera (locked up in my gun safe). In my collection are examples of camera's used during combat documentation and aerial use. There are Speed Graphics, Century and Crown Graphics in all three format sizes. Many early models of Graphic/Graflex: No. 0, 1A, 3A, RB Graflex, Series B and D; National Graflex, Pre-Anniversary Speed Graphic and Graflex 22. Many examples of books, accessories and film of the period.

Another area of my collection is many examples of early to late model exposure meters. I have small collection of Ansel Adams photographs and books. Some of the books are signed by him.

**** Maybe next month someone will send me a write up of them self so I can include in the Bellows ****

A tidbit from the web:

The Michigan Photographic Historical Society (MiPHS) was originally organized in 1972. In 1973, it was chartered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation by the State of Michigan. The Society encourages the collection and preservation of photographic equipment, images, photo literature, processes and techniques and the study of history of photographers and equipment especially as related to Michigan

MiPHS conducts occasional meetings with speakers, films, slides, demonstrations or displays in addition to an annual dinner meeting. Other events now include the TWO photographica shows. All meetings are open to the public. Four times a year, the Society publishes its newsletter, [The Photogram](#). Interested individuals are invited to [become members](#).

Over the past several years, MiPHS has also assisted the Detroit Historical Museum in the identification of their old cameras, cosponsored an exhibition catalog for the Michigan Historical Museum and sponsored the play "Brady of Broadway." Individual members of the Society have authored books on photographica and presented papers at international conferences.

You can find it at <https://sites.google.com/site/miphsmain/home> Enjoy!

The Club receives their newsletter—The Photogram. If you would like to read an issue send an email to Mike Immel (shutterf64@yahoo.com) for loan of a our copy.



PSPCS Show 2009

Courtesy of Mike Immel.



Contact Information

The Bellows Newsletter is published 10 times per year by the Puget Sound Photographic Collectors Society, Inc. (When we have new Editor)

Information for the Bellows should be sent to: pspcsociety@gmail.com

The PSPCS internet address is <http://www.pspcs.org>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Puget-Sound-Photographic-Collectors-Society/125678560778201>

Wiki - <http://fastglass.wikispaces.com/>

Dues are \$20.00 per year (Jan-Dec) and should be sent to Treasurer Shirley Sparrow, 300 Pease Road Cle Elum, WA. 98922. (509) 674-1916, Email: sesparrow9@msn.com